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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kiyoshi Sato et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Perpendicular Magnetic Recording)
Head Including Nonmagnetic Layer)
Overlaying Main Pole Layer)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 15, lines 9-11 as follows:

A¹ (Amended) Fig. 12 is a diagram showing a step in a method for manufacturing the perpendicular magnetic recording head of the present invention;

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 15, lines 16-17 as follows:

A² (Amended) Fig. 15 is a diagram showing a step in a method of manufacturing the perpendicular magnetic recording head shown in Fig. 1;

Please rewrite the paragraph on page 16, lines 5-7 as follows:

A³ (Amended) Fig. 23 is a diagram showing a step in a method of manufacturing the perpendicular magnetic recording head shown in Fig. 2 subsequent to the step shown in Fig. 14;